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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02/21/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 and 10-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8, 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks in the RCE filed 02/21/08 are duty noted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-8 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by either of Durkee (US Patent 2,712,904) or Kershaw (US Patent 3,572,594) in view of Rosenkranz et al (US Patent 5,456,300).

The device of either Durkee or Kershaw meets most of the limitations of both the method and clamping arrangement of the disclosed invention including the method of forcing (fig.4 or fig. 3, respectively), exerting (fig.4 or fig. 3, respectively) said force and a knife disc (fig. 3 or fig. 2, respectively); a wear plate (34 or 37, respectively) fastened on the knife side of the disc; a knife (12 or 33, respectively); a clamp (36 or see marked copy fig. 3, respectively); and compressing means exerting a force substantially parallel to an axis of the disc outward from the disc onto the clamp; wherein the knife abuts (note: knife 12 of Durkee abuts via 40) against a bracket of the clamp and the wear plate is provided with a matching groove for the bracket (fig. 4 or fig. 3, respectively), a projection, matching notch and matching groove (fig. 4 of Durkee). Applicants' attention is also directed figure 4 of Durkee and figure 3 of Kershaw.

However, Durkee or Kershaw fails to teach the force pushing the clamp in a direction away from the disc. Rosenkranz et al teaches a cutter block and knife having a means (41) for exerting a force that pushes a clamp (4) in a direction away from the disc as seen in figure 2. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to exert a force that pushes the clamp of either Durkee or Kershaw in a direction away from the disc, as suggested by Rosenkranz et al for the purpose of clamping the knife.

Further, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the force push the clamp in a direction away from the disc of either Durkee or Kershaw, since it has been held that a mere reversal of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. In re Einstein, 8 US PQ 167.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 571.272.4427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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